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DROOPY in Santa's Little Helpers

It's *Christmas Eve* and all through Santa's house, many elves are scurrying--

--to get the toys out!

NORTH POLE

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

HO-HO-HO! GATHER 'ROUND, MY LITTLE FRIENDS!

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AS YOU KNOW, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ONCE AGAIN WHERE WE SPREAD *JOY* AND *HAPPINESS* THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...

...WHICH MEANS IT'S *ALSO* TIME FOR ME TO CHOOSE THE ELF WHO HAS BEEN MY ***BEST LITTLE HELPER*** SINCE LAST CHRISTMAS.

WE HAVE ***TWO*** ELVES TIED FOR FIRST PLACE THIS YEAR--

SPIKE AND DROOPY !!

O'BOY! O'BOY! O'BOY! O'BOY!

HOWEVER, DUE TO ***FAA WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS****, I CAN ONLY TAKE ***ONE*** OF YOU WITH ME IN THE SLEIGH TONIGHT.

ZIP

** THE FAA (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) HAS BEEN ON SANTA'S CASE BECAUSE HE'S OVERWE! -- OUCH! -- Uh, B-BECAUSE HIS REINDEER'S OVERWEIGHT CAN POTENTIALLY BRING SANTA'S SLEIGH DOWN TO A CRASHING DISASTER. -- Editor.*

I'LL BE WATCHING BOTH OF YOU, AND WHOEVER DOES THE BEST JOB ON THE REMAINING TOYS SHALL COME WITH ME TO SPREAD *CHRISTMAS CHEER* TO ALL!

NOW, HURRY ALONG. THERE ARE PLENTY OF CHILDREN WAITING!

HO-HO-HO!

YES, SANTA.

HEH-HEH-HEH!

IN THE TOY-MAKING ROOM...

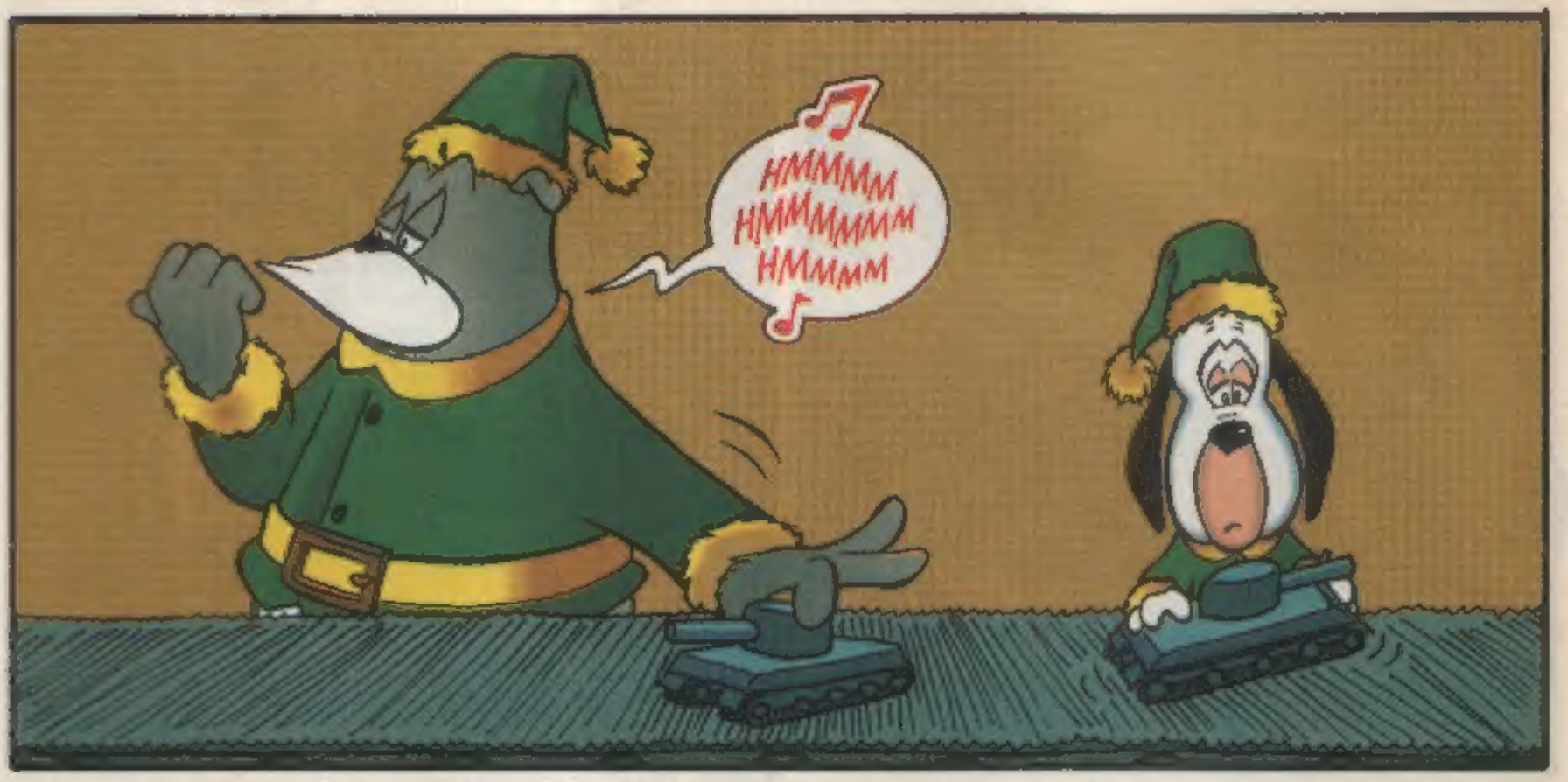
REMEMBER, SPIKE, WE HAVE TO KEEP THE QUALITY OF THE TOYS AS HIGH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN --

-- SANTA WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS RECEIVED ***DEFECTIVE MERCHANDISE,*** YOU KNOW.

SURE, PAL, SURE~

--WHATEVER YOU SAY. *HEE-HEE!*

PLUG


HMMMM
HMMMMMM
HMMMM

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THESE TANKS ARE SAFE.
SANTA DOESN'T WANT ANY CHILDREN GETTING HURT.

POP
HOORAY, HOORAY-- THIS ONE'S OKAY.

O'BOY! O'BOY! HE'S GRABBIN' THE ONE WITH THE EXTRA SURPRISE! HEE-HEE!

NOW HOW ABOUT THIS PRETTY *RED* ONE...

SPROING

Oh, MY--A *DUD.*

BONG

IT WON'T BE LONG N--

Uh-oh.

KA-POW

YIPES.

JUST IMAGINE HOW *HAPPY* THE CHILDREN WILL BE WHEN THEY OPEN THESE *PRESENTS.*

PSSSST

GOODY. ALL FINISHED. INFLATING THESE BALLS MADE ME *THIRSTY.* I'M GOING TO GET A DRINK OF *EGGNOG.*

EGGNOG --?! PHOOEY!

WHEN SANTA SEES THESE *BUSTED BALLS,* HE'LL BREAK *EGGS* OVER DROOPY'S *NOGGIN.*

HEE-HEE!

BUST POP

PFFFFT

Uh-oh -- HERE HE COMES!

HIDE

Oh, MY -- WHAT *HAPPENED?*

Oh, WELL... HERE WE GO AGAIN.

?!

FSSSS

SSSSS

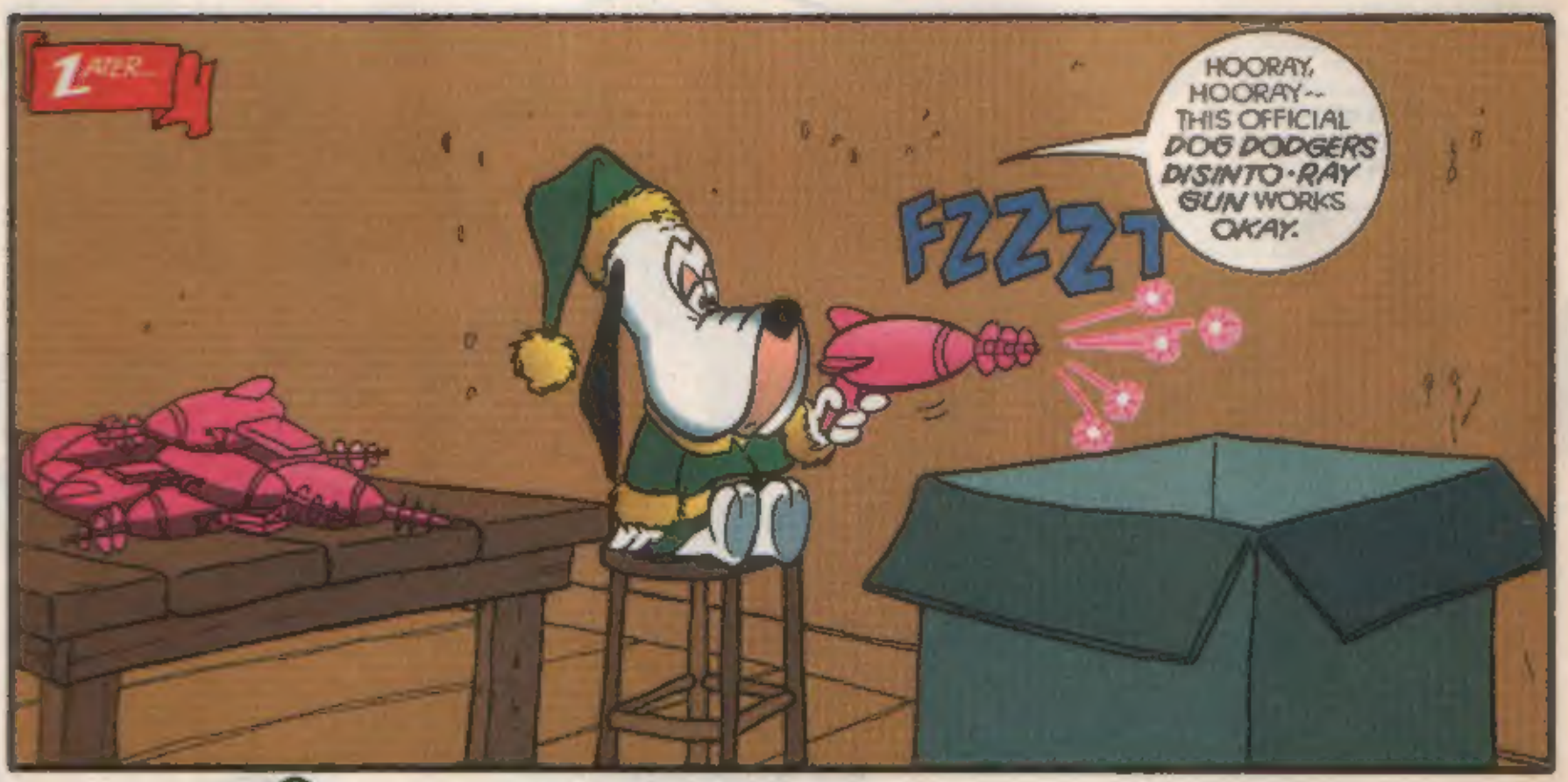
ERK!

SSSS

POIT

BOOM!

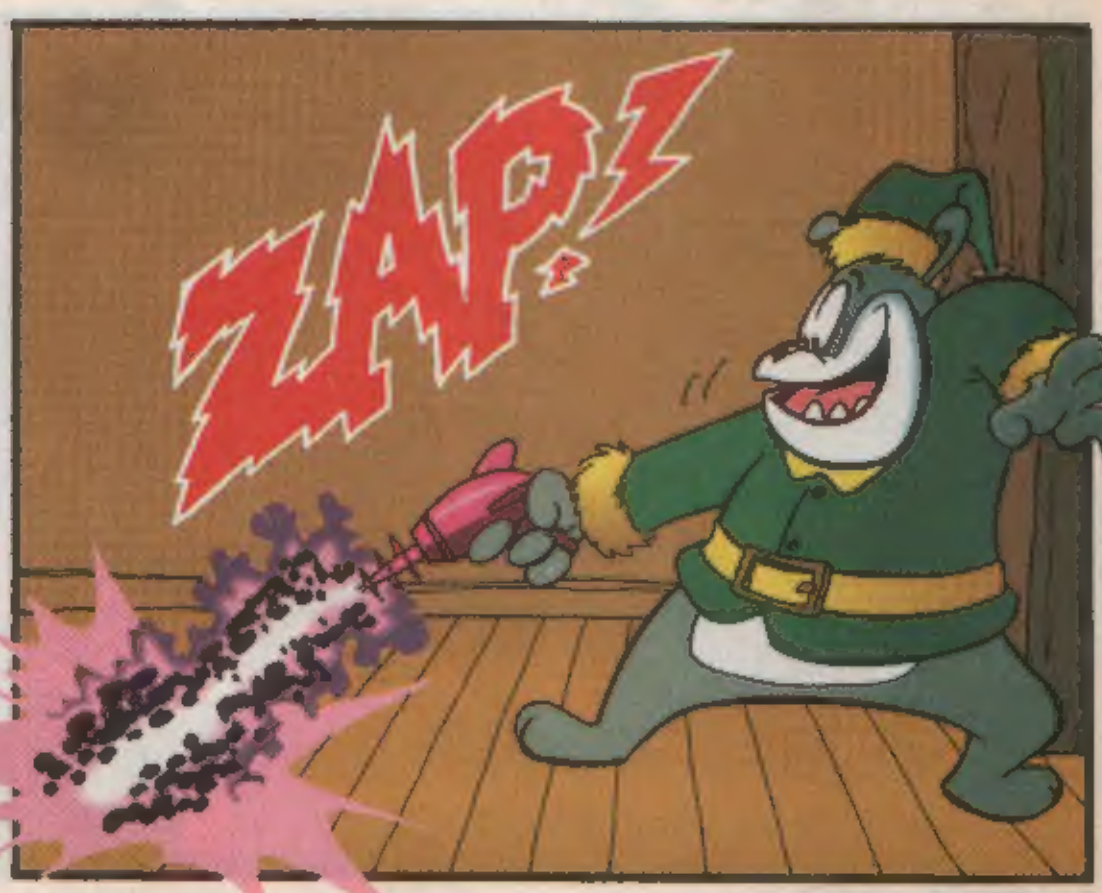
SSSWEEERRRRR


LATER...
HOORAY, HOORAY-- THIS OFFICIAL DOG DODGERS DISINTO-RAY GUN WORKS OKAY.
FZZZT

IT'S SO LIFELIKE, I WONDER WHAT A REAL RAY GUN CAN DO?

SO. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT A REAL RAY GUN DOES, eh?

ACME REAL RAY


ZAP!

ONCE HE FIRES *THIS* GUN, HE'LL SURE FIND OUT! *HEE-HEE!*

TEE-HEE, SOMETIMES I JUST *KILL* MYSELF!

HERE YA GO, BUDDY, SOME MORE RAY GUNS FOR YA TO TEST!

WHY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SPIKE.

THESE TOYS ARE REALLY *NEAT*, SPIKE. WATCH HOW THE SPARKS SHOOT OUT.

ZAP

OOPS!

WHY, THAT SHOU. DN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

LEEP!

OH, MY GOODNESS...

SNIFF

PAINFUL, ISN'T IT?

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, KIDS.

THESE ARE THE LAST TWO PRESENTS TO [illegible] TONIGHT.

GRAB

THANKS FOR DOING ALL THE *WORK*, DROOPY...

...THE *LEAST* I CAN DO IS GIVE YOU ONE LAST PRESENT FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLE!

SAYONARA, [illegible]!

ZOW

HARD AT WORK, I SEE, eh, SPIKE

D'OH!

Hmmmm, LET'S SEE WHAT DROOPY IS UP TO!

WHAT HAVE WE HERE, DROOPY?

THESE ARE THE LAST OF THE PRESENTS, SIR.

WELL DROOPY, YOU'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT WRAPPING JOB, ESPECIALLY THIS *LAST* PACKAGE! WHAT'S IN IT?

EEEEE!

KLUNK

Oh NO!

GIMME DAT PRESENT!
I BEG YOUR PARDON ?!?
YANK

KA-BLOOIE!

GRRRR...
WHY, YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS, DROOPY! YOU'VE DONE A *FINE* JOB THIS YEAR. THANKS TO YOU, MANY LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED THIS CHRISTMAS.

WHY, THANK YOU, SIR BUT LET'S NOT FORGET SPIKE

YES, WELL, SPEAKING OF SPIKE, WE'D BETTER GET GOING SANTA'S *NEVER* LATE, YOU KNOW.

OKEY-DOKEY, SANTA~

"GIDDY-UP, BOYS!

CRACK

A-EEE!

OUCH

EEEK!

CRACK

CRACK

HO-HO-HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

and to all a good night!

SCREWBALL SQUIRREL in GIGA-BITTEN

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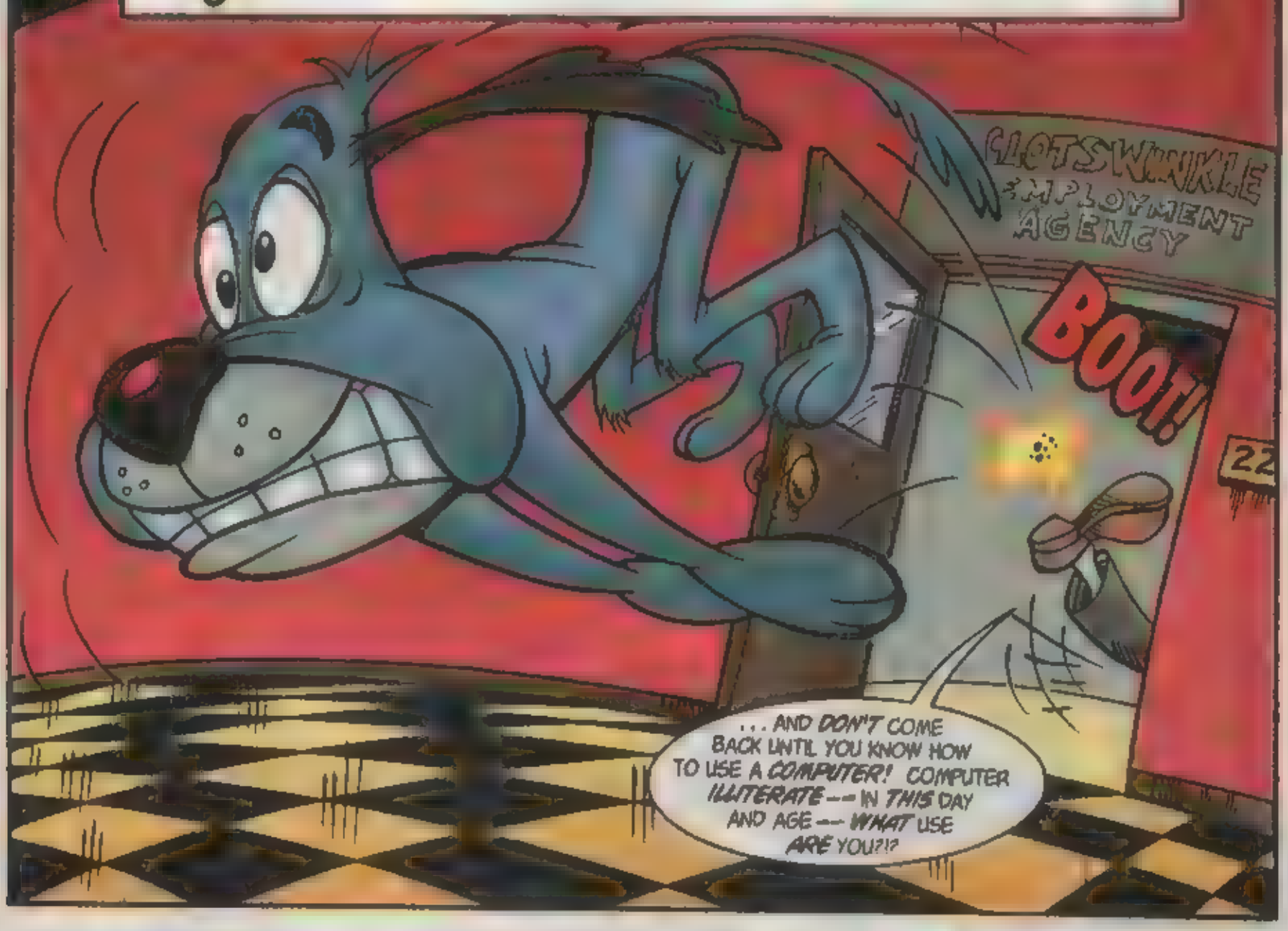
SLOTSWINKLE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
BOOT!
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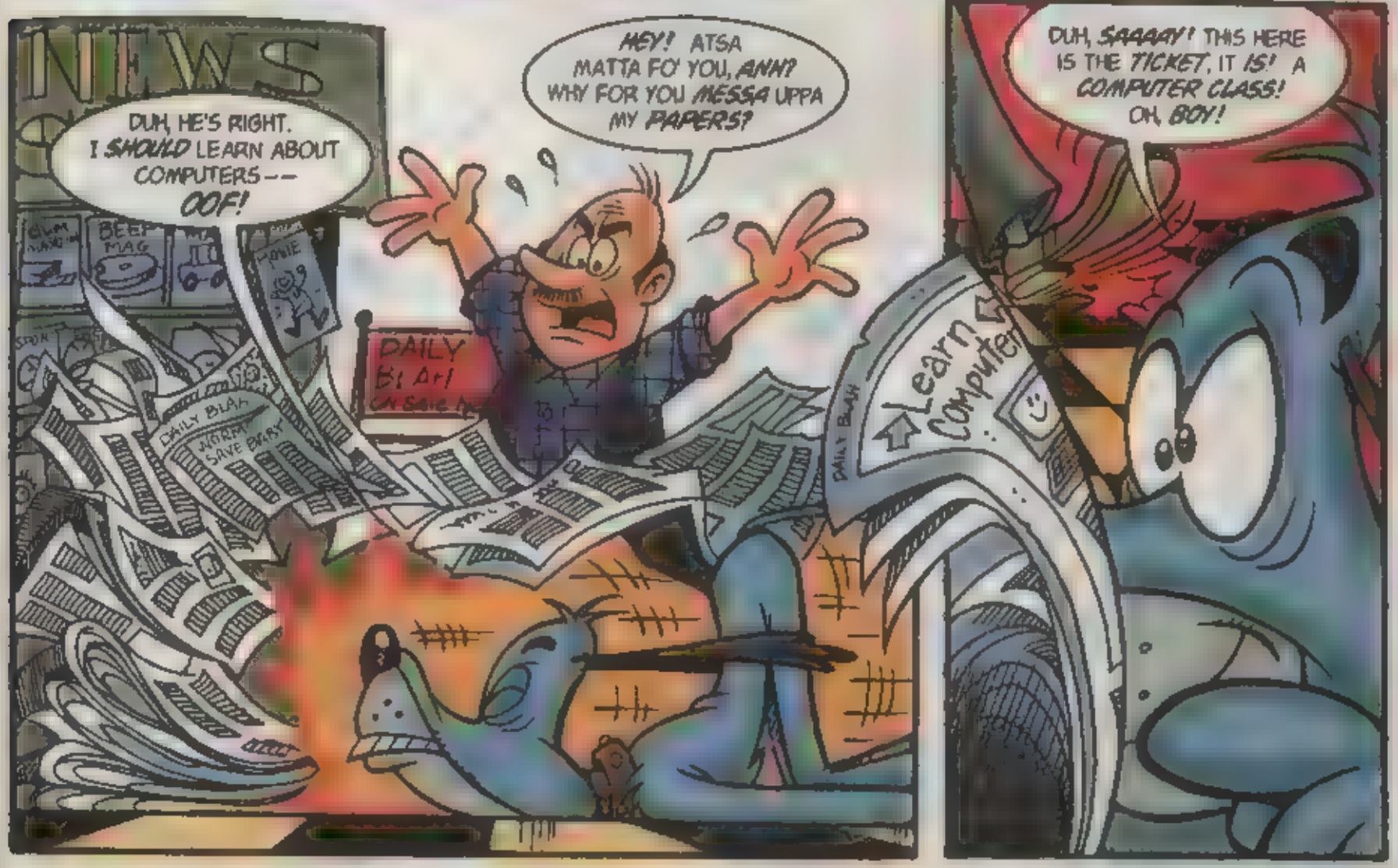
. . . AND DON'T COME BACK UNTIL YOU KNOW HOW TO USE A COMPUTER! COMPUTER ILLITERATE -- IN THIS DAY AND AGE -- WHAT USE ARE YOU?!?


NEWS
DUH, HE'S RIGHT. I SHOULD LEARN ABOUT COMPUTERS -- OOF!
HEY! ATSA MATTA FO' YOU, ANN? WHY FOR YOU MESSA UPPA MY PAPERS?
DUH, SAAAAY! THIS HERE IS THE TICKET, IT IS! A COMPUTER CLASS! OH, BOY!
Learn Computer
DAILY BLAH

FIRSTA YOU WRECKA MY DISPLAY, ANN? DEN YOU GOTTA DE NORVE TO TYNK I'MA RUN SOME A'KINDA LIBERRY?

OUT, YOU BUM!

DUH, SORRY!

WELL, HELLO OBJECT OF MY AFFLICTIONS!

more fish

Racing Form

WELL, WHAT A COINKY-DINK, SO AM I! ¡SNIFF!

SAY, PAL, ¡SNIFF! WHERE YOU OFF TO IN SUCH A HURRY?

DUH, DON'T YOU "PAL" ME, YOU LITTLE MENACE. I'M OFF TO IMPROVE MY CHANCES OF EMPLOYMENT BY ENROLLING IN A COMPUTER [illegible]

DUH, WELL THAT'S FINE, BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO HELP YOU OUT! YUP, I'M IN THE MARKET FOR A CUSHY STEP UP THAT CORPORATE LADDER!

DUH, HERE IT IS!

YUP... NERD CENTRAL!

O.D.D.S.

O.D.D.S.
OKEE DOKEE
DATA SCHOOL

HA-HA-HA-HA!!!

WELCOME, STUDENTS, TO *"LEARNING THE BUSINESS COMPUTER 101."* HAVING COMPLETED YOUR *PREVIOUS* COURSES IN *COMPUTER BASICS*, WHAT WE DO HERE SHOULD BE A *CAKEWALK*. PROVIDED YOU LIKE *CAKE*, AND WHO *DOESN'T* LIKE *CAKE*, AM I *RIGHT*? *BACK ME UP! HA-HA-HA!*

NEE-HEE! YEAH, *WE'LL BACK YOU UP---EARLY* AND *OFTEN! SNORT!*

VERY *HUMOROUS* REJOINDER, *EGGBERT!* HA-HA-HA! NOTHING LIKE A GOOD *"BACKING-UP"* JOKE

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

DUH, MR. GRUBBUDNIAK, I DIDN'T TAKE NO OTHER CLASSES, SO THERE MUST BE A *MISTAKE*

WELL, ACCORDING TO *THIS* COMPUTER PRINT-OUT CLASS REGISTRATION SHEET, *THIS* IS WHERE YOU *BELONG* AND AS YOU *OUGHT* TO KNOW, *COMPUTERS DON'T MAKE MISTAKES!*

OKAY, OUR FIRST LESSON IS ABOUT *SPREAD-SHEETS!* SPREADSHEETS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF *BUSINESS COMPUTING!*

HEY, SON, HOW ABOUT *NAILING* THOSE *FILES*, INSTEAD OF *FILING* THOSE *NAILS!*

HUH?

GOOD ONE MR. GRUBBUDNIAK! *NYUK!*

HA-HA-HA!

YEAH! OUT-*STAN*-DING! *SNORT!*

SNICKER

OH, SO IT'S LIKE *THAT*, EH? WELL, *WE'LL* SEE WHO DOES THE *LAUGHIN'* IN *THIS* CLASSROOM!

" FILING THOSE NAILS. " CHUCKLE I DON'T GET IT

HEH :SNIFF:, YEAH, OL' TEACH GOT MY NUMBER ON THAT ONE. SAY, CHUM, I CAN HELP YA WITH THE BASICS. I'M A BIT OF A TECHNO-WIZ, ACTUALLY. DON'T MEAN TO BOAST, BUT --

DUH, OH, YEAH? WOULD YA? THAT'D BE SWELL.

WHAT TH'---?!? OH, THAT'S BAD, MEATHEAD, OL' BUDDY! YEAH, WHAT YOU GOT THERE IS SOME KINDA VIRUS! YOU GOT WEIRD ITEMS ALL OVER YOUR SCREEN! MR. GRUBBY WON'T LIKE THAT!

DUH, OH, NO! B-BUT I DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH IT YET!

SEE, THE MACHINE'S GOTTA BE STARTED UP AGAIN, SO YOU CAN START OVER WITH IT AN' GIVE IT A BETTER FIRST IMPRESSION OF YOU. FIRST YOU GOTTA REBOOT IT!

DUH, OKAY I -- OH NO YOU DON'T! I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT!

HEY MR. GRUBBUDNIAK, THIS CHARACTER SAYS TO RESTART THE COMPUTER I SHOULD "REBOOT" IT!

YES, MEATHEAD, THAT'S CORRECT

:SNIFF: SEE, SPORTY? I WOULDN'T LIE TO YOU! I WANNA HELP YOU CLIMB THAT LADDER!

DUH, GEE, I'M [illegible]

THE BUTTONS STICK ON THESE MODELS, SO DON'T BE SHY, PAL.

DUH, OKAY, I WON'T.

DUH, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE?

REBOOT!!

AND IT'S GOOD!

WHAT IN BLAZES DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
HE TOLD ME TO--
I CANNOT TELL A LIE, MR. GRUBBUDNIAK, IT WAS ME WHO GOT SO FRUSTRATED WITH THE COMPUTER THAT HE KICKED IT OUT THE WINDOW TO AN ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH...
WHY, IF IT WERENT FOR THIS NEW EXPERIMENTAL KEVLAR POLICE HAT, THAT COMPUTER WOULD HAVE CAUSED MY ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!
YES, A SWIFT, BRUTAL INVESTIGATION!
MAIN ENTRANCE
HEH-HEH. I GUESS THIS STUFF CAN BE PRETTY FRUSTRATING AT FIRST. WELL, NOT TO WORRY. WE'VE GOT MORE COMPUTERS HERE THAN YOU COULD POINT A STICK AT. TRY THIS ONE.
DUH, GEE, THANKS.

. . . AND THAT'S HOW YOU USE THE *FAX MODEM* TO SEND FAXES FROM A FAX MACHINE TO A COMPUTER. *GO TO IT!*

DUH, I . . .

DON'T WORRY, *I'LL SHOW YOU!*

CPU

THIS HERE'S A MODERN *GOSSIP DEVICE*, AND AS WE ALL KNOW, WHAT'S ON THE *LUNG* IS ON THE *TONGUE* WITH *SOME* FOLKS! I'LL JUST PRESS *"SEND"* AND . . .

ULLK!

BEEP! BEEP!

AH, *SNIFF!* YOUR MESSAGE IS COMING THROUGH!

OH-AY! AH OOH!

BEEP! BEEP!

WOW! LET'S READ WHAT IT HAS TO SAY!

STOP

SEND

IT SAYS, *"HELP, MY TONGUE* IS *STUCK* IN A *FAX MACHINE!"* *SNIFF!* AIN'T TECHNOLOGY GRAND?

AH 'ILL 'ET 'OU!

YOU WILL *NOT* GET ME! NA-HA-HA!

VP

THROW COMPUTERS OUT THE *WINDOW* ONTO PASSING POLICE OFFICERS' *HEADS* WILL *THEY*!!! GRUMBLE, MUTTER...

COMPUTERS 2222

SO LONG, SUCKER! :SNIFF:

HOLY MOTHER OF PEARL!

HEAVENS TO BETSY!

SCHBOING!!!

'AT A IH-AH-ER!

BOY-OY-OING!!

THAT'S NOT A DISASTER!

I WON'T FORGET THIS! I NEVER FORGET A FACE! OR TONGUE! AIEEE!

LATER...

DUH, THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT SO GOOD WITH THAT COMPUTER CLASS.

HEY, THINGS COULD BE WORSE, SNIFF!

THAT'S ENOUGH KIBITZING, SCRUBS. BACK TO WORK!

CHUNKAWAY PRISON

DUH, YESSIR!

YEAH, YEAH, DON'T GET YOUR UNDIES IN A KNOT, TURNKEY!

DUH, SO YOU SAID THINGS COULD BE WORSE. LIKE NOW?

WELL, SNIFF! YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CLIMB THAT LADDER, AND I DEFINITELY HELPED! HA-HA-HA!

PAINT

END